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Ron Pene  
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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Pene Mining/Wind River Resources Corp., State Section 13 Project, S/019/030 (ML-47238), Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pene:

The Division has reviewed your small mine notice for placer operations in the E1/2 NW1/4 Section 13, T20S, R25E, received on November 29, 1996. This land is managed by the School Institutional and Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) which has assigned lease number ML47238 to this proposal. Under the Division's policy for Neighboring or Related sites, this new proposal would be considered an amendment to your existing small mine notice S/019/030, rather than a separate notice. This means the combined surface disturbance for your small mine notice S/019/030 and this section 13 project cannot exceed five acres.

This section 13 proposal is for placer mining operations at two one-half acre areas located in an ephemeral creek bottom. The project would include a 900 foot long 3-inch diameter pipeline from the Colorado River to a holding pond near the two project sites. Access to the site is proposed via two old side roads. On-site equipment will include a tractor with a dozer blade and ripper, a rubber tired loader, diesel and gas powered pumps, a diesel generator, a trommel, concentrating bowl, and miscellaneous equipment. Because this proposal is within a creek bottom in close proximity to the Colorado River you may also need approvals from the Division of Water Quality, Division of Water Rights and Army Corps of Engineers. Our office has forwarded copies of your notice to each of these agencies. This project may also be subject to some BLM scrutiny in accordance with the Wild and Scenic River Corridor designation or proposed designation.

The Division will need some additional information before we can consider this amendment as complete. Please provide a written response to the following completeness questions.



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- Was the storage pond included the estimated one acre disturbed area? If not, this area will need to be included in the total acreage for this proposal.
- The map with the notice shows two "old side roads" off the 1111 road. This implies these roads were pre-existing? If so, please describe their pre-existing condition.
- Your notice included road improvements of 1/4 mile long and eight feet wide. Was this area of approximately 1/4 acre included in your total project acreage figure of 1 acre?

We will suspend our processing of this proposal until we receive your response. If you have any questions, please contact me or Wayne Hedberg here at the Division.

Sincerely,



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